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NEW YEAR ADDRESS

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Comrades,

We have seen out a year of victory amid a worthwhile struggle for the grandeur and prosperity of the fatherland and are seeing in a new hopeful year, 1975, which will shine with new victory and glory.

Ushering in the New Year, I would like to offer on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic warm congratulations and greetings to our heroic working class, co-operative farmers, working intellectuals and all other working people who have performed shining exploits in the battle of grand socialist construction last year.

Allow me also to extend heartfelt thanks and militant greetings to the officers and men of our valiant People's Army and People's Security Forces, Public Security personnel, Worker-Peasant Red Guardsmen and Red Young Guardsmen who are firmly defending the security of the fatherland and the gains of the revolution.

I extend New Year greetings to the south Korean revolutionaries, patriotic democratic figures, student youth and people of all strata who are fighting courageously for democratic freedom and the reunification of the country in the teeth of fascist repression by the US imperialists and their lackeys.

On the New Year occasion, I extend warm greetings to all the functionaries of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) and our fellow countrymen in Japan who are vigorously struggling for democratic national rights and the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, and offer New Year greetings to all our compatriots abroad.

The year 1974 was a year of victory in which our people wrought great miracles and innovations in the grand socialist construction.

Last year our people energetically waged a speed campaign, upholding the revolutionary policy of grand socialist construction advanced by the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Fifth Central Committee of the Party, and won shining victories on all fronts of socialist construction.

In the raging flames of grand socialist construction the foundations of the independent national economy were further consolidated and decisive progress was made in the fulfilment of the Six-Year Plan.

The greatest gain of our people in the battle for grand socialist construction last year was the successful building of giant metallurgical bases.

Our heroic working class infinitely loyal to the Party completed in a very brief span of time a large-size blast furnace and newly built a large continuous sintering furnace and a large converter at the Kim Chaek Iron Works by displaying the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance. Greeting the New Year, the builders and workers of the Kim Chaek Iron Works kindled fire in the new large blast furnace and started the production of iron, thus making the New Year Day more auspicious and once again demonstrating to the whole world the heroic stamina of the Korean working class.

Thanks to the heroic struggle of the builders of metallurgical bases, Steel Shop No. 3 at the Songjin Steel Plant and Steel Shop No. 2 at the Kangson Steel Plant were completed and put into operation.

With the construction of a large blast furnace, a large continuous sintering furnace and a large converter and new steel shops last year, a firm groundwork has been laid to reach the target of steel production envisaged in the Six-Year Plan ahead of schedule and the economic power of the country increased further still.

Last year the builders and workers in the mining industry energetically sped up the large-scale expansion project of the Musan Mine and the expansion project of the Tokhyon Mine and actively pushed ahead with the development of the Sohaeri Mine, the Toksong Mine and other new iron mines, thus laying the firm foundation for meeting the fast growing demands for iron ores.

By vigorously carrying on the expansion of nonferrous metal mines and undertaking the development of new ones on a full scale we have opened up bright prospects of sharply increasing the output of non-ferrous metals in the near future.

The extensive development of the Pungnyon Mine, the Yongyu Mine, the Taedaeri Mine, the Koksan Mine, the Unsan Mine, the Chungsan Mine, the Ssangryong Mine and other apatite mines has made it possible to satisfy on our own the demands for phosphatic fertilizer essential to agricultural production.

Through a speed campaign and a lightning operation, the workers in the coal industry rebuilt or expanded many coal mines and developed new large-scale ones, markedly increasing coal output.

By speeding up construction work with a strong fighting spirit and a revolutionary stamina last year, the builders of power bases completed the second-stage project of the Pukchang Steam-Power Plant and carried out the yearly assignments of assembly work in the second-stage project of the Sodusu Power Station and the construction of the Chongchon-gang Steam-Power Plant more than one month ahead of schedule.

The builders of chemical bases energetically stepped up the construction of the large-scale Youth Chemical Complex which would produce chemical fibres, plastics, chemical fertilizers and various other chemical goods, and successfully carried out the expansion of fertilizer factories in Sunchon, Chongsu and Aoji. As a result, the firm foundations have been laid to expand the raw material bases of light industry, increase agricultural production and further improve the people's livelihood.

Thanks to the courageous struggle of the constructors of building-materials production bases and the workers of the building-materials industry, the construction of the large-scale Sunchon Cement Factory made brisk headway, the expansion projects of the February 8 Cement Factory and the Komusan Cement Factory progressed successfully, and the local bases of building-materials production became all the more solid.

Last year great successes were also achieved in the engineering industry. A bearing plant, a small-size electronic tube plant, a small-size electric motor plant and other new machine plants were built, and the large machine-building centres were further reinforced.

Our valiant machine builders boldly buckled down to the manufacture of 2,500 h.p. medium-speed engines and 3,000 h.p. high-speed engines and succeeded in their production with their own efforts and their own techniques. They performed such a great feat as building a 14,000-ton cargo ship, 2,500 h.p. diesel engine, high-pressure fans with a capacity of 120,000 cubic metres per hour, 20-metre lathe, 200,000 kva transformer and other large-size machines and equipment.

The light industry bases were also consolidated last year. Many new textile mills, knitwear factories, clothing factories, shoe factories, tanneries, seasoning powder factories and other light industry factories were built. In each province a modern corn-starch factory made its appearance and started production. In pursuance of the Party's policy of building a riced corn factory in each county, modern riced corn factories were built in Kanggye, Huichon, Manpo, and Chonchon and Songgan counties of Chagang Province in some ten short days, and now all districts of the country are following suit.

Our light industry is now in a position to supply the people with greater quantities of good-quality daily necessities and consumer goods, as well as riced corn, glucose, confectionery, millet jelly, edible oil and other delicious and highly nutritive foodstuffs.

Last year we built many modern houses, schools and cultural facilities through a mass struggle for urban construction and construction of modern rural houses and schools.

Last year was indeed a year of struggle, advance and victory, in which the whole country seethed with the grand socialist construction and the entire people turned out in a struggle, devoting all their energies, wisdom and talents.

The year 1974 will be brilliantly recorded as a year of construction in our people's history of socialist construction.

Last year a great success was achieved in managing the economy in a scientific and rational way in all domains of the national economy as required by the Taean work system.

The economic guiding personnel, workers and technicians actively tapped and mobilized latent reserves and intensified the technical innovation movement and the struggle for economy, thus cutting the production costs in industry by two per cent lower than had been planned and markedly increasing the output with the equipment and materials on hand.

Last year our heroic working class overfulfilled the industrial production plan by a wide margin and ensured a high tempo of growth of production. The Songjin Steel Plant, the Ryongsong Machine Factory, the Komdok Mine, the Sinchang Colliery, the Pyongyang Textile Mills and many other factories and enterprises carried out last year's production plans far ahead of schedule and wrought the miracle of surpassing the production level envisaged in the Six-Year Plan.

I warmly congratulate the workers, technicians and office employees on the successful fulfilment of their production assignments last year through a heroic struggle.

In 1974 great, world-startling successes were achieved in agriculture, too.

Last year the agricultural working people made vigorous endeavours to implement "Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country" and produced more than seven million tons of grain in spite of such unfavourable weather conditions, thus hitting the grain production target of the Six-Year Plan two years ahead of time.

It is an event of great historic significance that our country has reaped an extremely bountiful harvest and thus reached the grain target of the Six-Year Plan two years ahead of schedule at a time when many countries are facing a food crisis due to the world-wide crop failure.

By harvesting a splendid crop last year we fully demonstrated the great vitality of the Theses on the Rural Question and clearly testified to the correctness of the agricultural policy of our Party.

Last year the material and technical foundations of agriculture were further consolidated with the powerful support of the working class and the Juche-based industry.

Upholding the Party's policy of giving powerful assistance to the countryside, our working class creditably carried out by the "day of assistance to the rural technical revolution" last year the task of bringing the number of tractors in the countryside to 70,000-80,000 as set forth in the Theses on the Rural Question. As a result, the number of tractors for every 100 *chongbo* of cultivated land reached four in the plain areas and three in in-between and mountainous areas. Along with tractors, large numbers of various trailer farm machines, rice-transplanting machines, harvesters, thrashers and other modern farm machines were supplied.

I extend warm congratulations to our co-operative farmers and workers, technicians and office employees in the agricultural domain who reaped an unusually rich harvest and firmly built up the material and technical foundations of agriculture last year, displaying unbounded loyalty to the Party, and to all who assisted the countryside.

Last year our Party and the Government of the Republic took historic steps to improve the material and cultural life of the people. Our Party and the Government of the Republic completely abolished the taxes, a leftover of the old society, and drastically cut the prices of manufactured goods. Our country thus became the world's first tax-free country and our people came to enjoy a happy life more fully under the socialist system.

The year 1974 also witnessed a big success in the socialist cultural construction.

Through the vigorous endeavours of our educational workers and working people the universal compulsory ten-year senior middle school education was introduced in over 90 per cent of the country and the material foundations of the schools strengthened still more.

True to the Party's policy of developing our sciences on the basis of Juche, the scientists and technicians achieved many important successes in their researches, thereby greatly helping towards carrying out the three major tasks of the technical revolution and the Six-Year Plan.

Our writers and artists produced many revolutionary and militant literary and art works of high ideological and artistic value and thus made a positive contribution to the revolutionary education of the Party members and working people. Writers and artists proceeded to the fierce battle sites of grand socialist construction and energetically carried on artistic propaganda activities, rousing the working people to feats of labour and powerfully assisting in the grand socialist construction. Last year, too, our revolutionary artists demonstrated the superiority of the socialist art of our country to the whole world and greatly exalted the honour of the fatherland.

The officers and men of our valorous People's Army and People's Security Forces strengthened the military and political training, further perfecting the combat readiness of their units and strongly guarding the defence line of the fatherland.

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Our people's magnificent successes in the revolutionary struggle and construction work in 1974 are attributable to their vigorous endeavours to carry out the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, under the leadership of the Party.

Last year the functionaries of the Party, state and economic bodies and working people's organizations and the members of the three-revolution teams, holding aloft the banner of the three revolutions, dynamically carried on the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions and gained big successes in all fields—political, economic and cultural.

As a result of the vigorous ideological revolution, all the working people were more firmly armed with the Juche idea of our Party and the work of revolutionizing and working-classizing the whole society made successful progress.

Today our working people's spirits are very high and the political atmosphere of our society is also good. All the Party membership and the entire people are firmly united around the Party Central Committee and all the working people are selflessly struggling for the Party and the revolution, helping each other and leading each other along.

Under the banner of the technical revolution with its three major tasks a mass technical innovation movement was vigorously waged and the semi-automation and automation of the production processes and their remote control were introduced on an extensive scale at the Hwanghae Iron Works, the Kangson Steel Plant and many other factories and enterprises, and all the technical equipment of the national economy further improved. As a result, the far-reaching plan of our Party to free the working people from difficult and toilsome labour is being translated into reality with success.

Through the cultural revolution the general technical and cultural standards of the working people rose markedly, a signal change took place in the establishment of the socialist way of life, and towns and villages were built up more beautifully. Today our working people are living with hope and confidence, full of revolutionary optimism; they work while studying and study while working.

Greeting the New Year, I extend warm felicitations to the functionaries of the Party, state and economic bodies and working people's organizations and the members of the three-revolution teams who, holding high the banner of the three revolutions, have courageously struggled to carry out the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions.

Comrades,

The year 1975 is a significant year which marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of our Party.

With deep emotion and great joy all our Party members and working people are seeing in this year in which they will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea, the guiding force of our people and the General Staff of the Korean revolution.

We must bring about a new great upswing in the revolution and construction to make this significant year the most shining year in the history of our Party and our people. "Let us meet the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea with high political zeal and shining labour achievements!"—this is the Party's call and militant slogan for this year.

This year we must make the whole Party and the whole country seethe in a surging political atmosphere, effect a great revolutionary upswing on all fronts of socialist construction and thus fly the banner of victory on the remaining major heights of the Six-Year Plan.

The principal task facing us this year in the socialist economic construction is to capture the major heights of the Six-Year Plan, including those of steel and chemical fertilizers, and surpass the production level envisaged in the Six-Year Plan in all spheres of the national economy. To attain this goal, this year, too, we must keep concentrating efforts on the five fronts—the fronts of capital construction, industry, agriculture, transport and fishery—in accordance with the policy set forth at the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Fifth Central Committee of the Party and launch an allout charge in the grand socialist construction.

The front to which we must direct our efforts first this year is that of transport.

Transport capacity is unable to meet the demands for transport which are fast growing as a result of the dynamic progress of the grand socialist construction. Unless the strain on transport is definitively eased, the already built production establishments cannot bear good fruit nor can new construction projects be pushed ahead forcefully nor can the Six-Year Plan be fulfilled ahead of schedule. The whole Party, the whole country and the entire people should set themselves to ease the strain on transport and bring about a great change on this front.

This year, in the field of railway transport, the electrification of railways must be further accelerated, the newly started railway construction works be rapidly finished and more wagons be produced to decisively increase the transport capacity of the railways. More loading and unloading facilities must be built for the freight stations and the shunting tracks of enterprises; an active struggle must be waged to load and unload freight quickly and the concentrated transport of huge loads such as ores and coal extensively introduced to increase freightage.

The motor pools must be reinforced to cover short-distance transport with motors and long-distance auto transport corps must be organized to lessen the burdens on the railways.

Efforts should be directed to sea and river transport and an active struggle launched to ensure foreign trade transport by our own ships.

The joint railway-, motor- and shipping-transport should be strengthened and pipe, cableway and belt conveyer transport developed extensively.

On the front of capital construction priority should be given to the construction of power stations in order to carry out rapidly the third-stage project of the Pukchang Steam-Power Plant and the construction of the Chongchon-gang Steam-Power Plant and the Taedong-gang Power Station. At the same time, efforts should be concentrated on the large rolling shop of the Kim Chaek Iron Works, the Youth Chemical Complex, the Sunchon Cement Factory and other major construction objects, so as to hasten their commissioning.

An important task facing us this year is to bring about a great upsurge on the front of industry.

In the extractive industries large, modern and high-speed equipment should be introduced and transport be diversified to increase production substantially at the existing coal and ore mines and, at the same time, new coal and ore mines should be actively developed to increase the output of coal and ores quickly. Especially, new non-ferrous metal ore production centres should be built up to produce more non-ferrous metal ores.

In the metallurgical and chemical industries the goals of steel and chemical fertilizers envisaged in the Six-Year Plan should be attained this year without fail by making the best of the production capacities of the existing factories and enterprises and normalizing production at the factories and enterprises which will be newly commissioned.

This year the engineering industry should produce more trucks, tractors and modern farm machines and send them to the countryside, build a large number of 3,750-ton fishing boats, 20,000-ton, 14,000-ton and 5,000-ton trading ships, as well as 1,500-ton cargo boats for the coastal waters, so as to powerfully support the fronts of transport and fisheries. The engineering industry should also perfect its inner structure, actively contrive new machines which will contribute to the technical revolution and decisively raise the quality of machinery.

In keeping with the successful progress of socialist construction, we should direct greater efforts to the development of the light industry to keep raising the living standards of the working people. The Party's policy of simultaneous development of the centrally-controlled industries and locally-controlled industries should be implemented more successfully in the domain of light industry. Especially, production should be normalized at the newly built light industry factories and a great revolution effected in the processing of foodstuff, including complementary food.

The great possibility of the growth of production lies in raising the utility rate of the equipment and guaranteeing the supply of raw and other materials ahead of production. The enterprise management should be regularized and standardized at all factories and enterprises as required by the Taean work system to ensure the supply of raw and other materials ahead of production and guarantee the full capacity operation of the equipment so that production may be normalized at a high level and increased with the existing equipment, existing materials and existing work forces.

On the agricultural front, we must continue to wage a vigorous struggle, never slackening the spirit with which we captured the grain height of the Six-Year Plan, so that we will scale the grain height of eight million tons this year.

The basic way to rapidly increase the agricultural production is to industrialize and modernize agriculture. In agriculture, the tasks of the technical revolution set forth in the Theses on the Rural Question should be carried out as early as possible by more energetically pushing ahead with the mechanization and chemicalization of agriculture and the agricultural production be made highly intensive by thoroughly establishing a scientific manuring system and extensively introducing various advanced farming methods.

The front of fishery is an important one to which great efforts should be continuously directed to raise the people's living standard rapidly.

In the domain of fishery, the pelagic, inshore, small-scale fishing should be developed in a big way to catch more fish and their processing improved so that the people will be supplied with various fresh and processed fishes more sufficiently. The workers, scientists and technicians in the domain of fishery should widely introduce scientific fishing methods and strive to put fisheries on a scientific and modern basis.

This year, too, we should energetically carry on the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions under the uplifted banner of the three revolutions. The Party organizations of all levels and the three-revolution teams should correctly analyse the precious successes and priceless experiences gained in carrying out the three revolutions last year and vigorously struggle to fulfil the three revolutions more thoroughly.

The present era is an era of science and technology, and the Six-Year Plan is a plan of technical revolution. Only by powerfully carrying on the technical revolution is it possible to win victory on the five fronts of socialist construction and fulfil the Six-Year Plan ahead of schedule.

In all spheres and all units, a technical innovation movement should be waged through a mass movement and, particularly, a struggle should be energetically carried on to fulfil the three major tasks of the technical revolution put forward by the Fifth Congress of our Party. The scientists and technicians should concentrate efforts on solving scientific and technical problems arising in freeing the working people from tough work and further increasing the Juche character of our industry and, at the same time, actively study new scientific and technical problems.

The cultural revolution should be accelerated continuously and powerfully to fulfil in a year or two the task of making all the working people possess the knowledge of the middle school graduate or above and to further raise their general technical level.

The workers in the field of education should give precedence to the training of teachers and strengthen the material foundation of the schools and thus completely enforce the universal compulsory ten-year senior middle school education this year and further improve the education and training of the students.

The workers in the field of literature and art should create more literary and art works of high ideological and artistic value to make our Juche art flower more beautifully.

The key to success in all work is to educate the Party members and working people on revolutionary lines through an intensified ideological revolution.

We should continue to give definitive precedence to the ideological revolution putting main emphasis on firmly arming the Party members and working people with the Juche idea, the revolutionary idea of our Party. All the Party organizations and working people's organizations should intensify the study and organizational life of the Party members and working people and energetically carry on the ideological education and ideological struggle to dye the whole society with the Juche idea and thoroughly revolutionize and working-classize all its members.

To increase the fighting efficiency of the Party organizations and enhance the leading role of the Party is a decisive guarantee for successfully carrying out the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions and accelerating the socialist economic construction. In all fields and at all units, the Party's leading role should be further raised and Party leadership to the socialist economic construction strengthened.

The officials of the Party, state and economic bodies should always do all work as becomes the masters and with a sense of responsibility, filled with the revolutionary spirit and passion, and energetically organize and mobilize the masses to fulfil the revolutionary tasks by thoroughly applying the anti-Japanese guerrillas' method of work.

We are building socialism today when the US imperialists, the chieftain of world reaction, and the south Korean reactionaries are persisting in their manoeuvres to provoke war. This year, too, we should thoroughly implement our Party's military line, the main content of which is to train the whole army into a cadre army, modernize the whole army, place the entire people under arms and fortify the whole country, so as to augment the nation's defence capacity still more.

The south Korean people are seeing in the New Year in a difficult situation where the colonial rule of US imperialism and the fascist tyranny of the south Korean reactionaries continue. Last year the workers, peasants, student youth, intellectuals, religious men and people of other segments in south Korea fought unflinchingly against fascism and for democracy to win the right to existence and achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

This year the south Korean people should also struggle more valiantly against the fascist rule of US imperialism and its stooges and for the democratization of south Korean society and the country's reunification. Theirs is a patriotic struggle to save the country and the nation, and a just struggle for the right to existence and freedom. The people in the northern half of the Republic will always do all they can to actively support and encourage the just, patriotic struggle of the south Korean people.

The Chongryon organizations and Koreans in Japan should more persistently fight this year for the defence of their democratic national rights and for the prosperity and progress of the socialist fatherland and national reunification; they should make tireless efforts to strengthen international solidarity with the Japanese people and revolutionary peoples of the world. The Chongryon organizations should thoroughly establish the ideological system of Juche and unite all the compatriots in Japan around Chongryon more firmly.

Today the international circumstances of our revolution are turning more favourable than ever before.

Last year, through the energetic external activities of our Party and the Government of our Republic, the international position of the Republic rose higher and international solidarity with our revolution strengthened further, and we were able to have more friends abroad. Particularly, last year our people enjoyed the warm support and sympathy of the world's people in their struggle to expose and smash the "two Koreas" plot of the US imperialists and the south Korean reactionaries and achieve the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

Seeing in the New Year, in the name of the entire Korean people, I would like to extend warm felicitations and greetings to the peoples of the socialist countries, the peoples of the third world countries and other peoples of the world who actively support and encourage our cause of national reunification.

Our Party and the Government of the Republic will make positive efforts this year, too, to increase militant solidarity with the international revolutionary forces, develop economic cooperation and friendly relations with the third world countries and cement the unity of the new-emerging forces.

Comrades,

Our revolutionary tasks this year are very honourable and proud ones. With infinite loyalty to the Party and the revolution and in the high revolutionary spirit of self-reliance, all the Party members and working people should heroically struggle to carry out the Party's militant tasks before October 10, thus making the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea a more glorious and significant holiday, a grand festival of proud victors.

Let us all unite firmly around the Central Committee of the Party and fight on more vigorously for the shining victory of the grand socialist construction and for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, uplifting the banner of Marxism-Leninism, the revolutionary banner of the Juche idea of our Party.

Kim Chaek Iron Works demonstrating the might of the Juche-based industry. This is one of our biggest metallurgical centres

Pyongyang Children and Students' New Year Celebrations Held, Attended by Comrade KIM IL SUNG, the Respected and Beloved Leader

Pyongyang children and students' New Year celebrations were held at the Pyongyang Gymnasium on the evening of December 31, the last day of 1974 which will be recorded as a year of struggle and advance, a year of construction and a year of victory on the road of the vigorous advance of our people who are accelerating the complete victory of socialism and the cause of national reunification following the glorious Party, attending the great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in high esteem.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution, the sun of the nation and the tender-hearted father of our people, attended the celebrations.

Placed with due respect in the spacious entrance hall was a picture of the great leader overlooking the beautiful mountains and rivers of the fatherland on the summit of Mt. Paek-du-san, the holy mountain of revolution.

The inside and outside of the Gymnasium were crowded with children and students who were singing and dancing with flowers, flower fans and balloons in their hands to present New Year greetings to the Marshal, their father.

Hanging on the facade of the Gymnasium were a large picture panel that illustrates Mangyongdae, the great wellspring of all our happiness and glory and the cradleland of the revolution, as well as a big slogan: "We cordially express our best wishes that the great leader will enjoy good health and long life!" A floral tunnel was made at its entrance and there stood colourfully-illuminated pine trees.

The entrance hall was decorated with the floral slogans such as "Juche", "Independence", "Self-support", "Self-defence", "Ideological Revolution", "Technical Revolution", "Cultural Revolution", "Long Live the Theses!" "Speed Campaign", "Lightning Operation", "Finish-One-by-One Tactics" and "Bumper Harvest". Added to these were the three-revolution exhibition panels and other kinds of beautiful New Year decorations. These made the festive atmosphere more colourful.

The children and students were waiting for the moment they would have the honour to meet the affectionate father Marshal Kim Il Sung, each standing with bouquet in hand on both sides of the staircase where floral letters of "Good health and long life!" were seen.

At 8:30 p.m., Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, appeared in the Gymnasium.

Shouting at the top of their voice "manse!", "manse!" (hurrah), children and students warmly welcomed the Marshal, their father, who brought them the happiness of today, and extended highest honour and deepest thanks to him.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was greeted at the front gate by leading functionaries of the Central Committee of the League of Socialist Working Youth and the Party and government bodies in Pyongyang.

Lovely children, representing the unanimous sentiments of loyalty of the entire children and students of our country, courteously made a New Year's bow to the Marshal, their father, reverently wishing him good health and long life.

Amid the unending cheers of "manse!" members of the Juvenile Corps tied a red neckerchief around the neck of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved father, and presented him bouquet of fragrant flowers.

The leader warmly grasped the hands of welcoming children and affectionately patted them on the backs and answered their cheers.

Present at the New Year celebrations were Vice-President Kang Ryang Uk, Vice-President Kim Dong Gyu, Members of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Party, Secretaries of the Central Committee of the Party, Alternate Members of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Party, Vice-Premiers of the Administration Council, Department Directors of the Central Committee of the Party, Chairmen of Committees and Ministers of the Administration Council, leading functionaries of the political parties and social organizations, generals of the Korean People's Army, men from scientific, educational, cultural, art and press circles.

Members of a delegation of Koreans in Japan to the homeland and the third home-visiting group of Korean scientists in Japan were also present.

Invited there were diplomatic envoys and diplomats and foreign guests in Pyongyang.

When the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung appeared in the box amid the playing of the welcome music, there arose stormy cheers of "manse!" throughout the hall.

Amid the great ardor of loyalty overflowing the hall, children presented to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the father, a basket of fragrant flowers carrying the unanimous feelings of the entire Juvenile Corps members of our country to follow the fatherly leader, holding him in high esteem, and respectfully made a bow, wishing the Marshal good health and long life.

Unending stormy cheers shook the hall.

The respected and beloved leader extended warm greetings to the children seeing in 1975, the New Year of brighter hope, and saw a New Year's performance by more than 5,000 children and students of Pyongyang.

The performance began with the song and dance "We Extend New Year Greetings to the Respected and Beloved Father Marshal Kim Il Sung" dedicated to the fatherly leader on the New Year, which was followed by colourful programmes including songs and dances "Long Live the Great Juche Idea" and "A Country Where Everyone Studies" and wind-instrument music "Korea Is One" and group dance "Armed New Generation".

The performance closed with the song and dance "We Reverentially Wish the Respected and Beloved Father Marshal Kim Il Sung Good Health and Long Life" carrying the best wishes of the children and students.

The performance which impressively reflected their unanimous desire and aspiration to follow the fatherly leader to the end of the earth and attend him till the end of the sun and the moon and carry out the cause of the revolution started by him generation after generation, reverentially wishing the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung good health and long life, was acclaimed by the audience for its high ideological and artistic value.

After the performance was over, the performers and audience again sent up the stormy cheers of "Long live the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung!" looking up to the fatherly leader.

The respected and beloved leader waved his hand, acknowledging their enthusiastic cheers and warmly congratulated the children and students on their successful performance.

Immensely Happy Are Our People Who Are in the Leader's Embrace

The New Year 1975 has dawned on our land, Chollima Korea, a country which is advancing under the banner of the immortal Juche idea and a powerful country of dignity and prosperity which is vibrant with the complete spirit of independence, self-support and self-defence.

Our people now feel great pride in living and working under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in this land which steadily prospers and develops. And they are full of creative energy and revolutionary ardor.

Greeting the New Year they express their best wishes that the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung will enjoy long life and good health.

The great leader fathered the immortal Juche idea. Thus for the first time in human history man has gained new value, the most precious treasure in the world. It is thanks to that conception that our people have become the most dignified, independent and creative people.

Under his well-advised leadership this country accomplished in a short period of only 14 years the difficult and complex task of industrialization—which took the capitalist countries even a few centuries to complete and it has become a mighty socialist industrial state.

Today the world gets bogged in economic upheavals. But our economy is not affected by this crisis; it makes not freak but steady growth.

Last year our country became the world first tax-free country. The prices of manufactured goods were reduced by a large margin and the lives of our people improved still further.

At a time when millions of people are on the verge of starvation owing to the world-wide crop failure, this country has witnessed the richest harvest, the first of its kind in our agricultural production—over 7 million tons. This meant that the target of grain production of the Six-Year Plan was attained two years earlier than scheduled.

Our agriculture has entered the stage of modernization and industrialization.

Korea is a country good to live in and work; food and clothing are all abundant; education of children, all health and medical services are provided free of charge.

Under the blissful socialist system, all our people enjoy a bountiful and more civilized life. Our society is a great harmonious community where they help and pull each other forward.

Our people are closely united with each other, as they have one and the same ideal and desire and as they have common interests.

They hold their great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in high esteem and are rallied rock-firm around him. No one can destroy their unity; no one can conquer their force and no one can impair their dignity.

That is why they, greeting the hope-filled New Year, renew their resolve to remain loyal to him and sing of their socialist system established by him. It is only thanks to this benevolent system that they can celebrate the New Year's Day to their hearts' content.

Every street is beautifully decorated with lanterns, electric illuminations and multi-coloured tapes. This happy atmosphere tempts many on to the streets and their faces beam with smiles. People are seen forming a long queue before cinema-houses and gymnasiums. Stores are alive with people.

Colourful New Year celebrations are held at factories and institutions. New Year greetings are exchanged with each other. People indulge in gay talk about their proud past and their bright future.

Happiness also reigns over the rural villages brimful with joy over bumper harvest. Farmers throng to the hall of culture and dance to the tune of peasant music.

Children gather at palaces and sing and dance hand in hand with each other.

Song of happiness resounds
Over the silk-embroidered land of three thousand ri
People who live under the leader's care
Sing of their happiness and honour
In the broad embrace of the affectionate fatherly leader
The land of Chollima is at its heyday.

Sweet songs wafting from streets, factories and co-op farms spread far across the sky, making a splendid and harmonious ensemble.

They are a hymn of praise dedicated by our people to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who has brought them the great happiness of today.

The Korean people are filled with high resolve to fight along the path indicated by him with undiminished vigor.

Yun Jong Ok

Art circle members flock to the clubhouse. They get ready to go on stage in a New Year performance singing of the richest harvest

Every shop is alive with customers

Children absorbed in snowballing

Working people in Pyongyang, the capital of revolution, enjoy the New Year's Day

Photo by Chong Ui Ryol

MILITANT PROGRAMME, LOYAL DETERMINATION

We have seen out the year of 1974 which adorned the grand advance of our revolution with great achievements and ushered in the New Year, the year of 1975 which will shine with a gigantic struggle and great victory.

In the first morning of this year the great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung spread out another splendid prospect in store for our Party and our people and put forward a new militant programme, conceived to mark an epoch-making turn in the huge socialist construction.

In his New Year Address the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung pointed out:

"We must bring about a new great upswing in the revolution and construction to make this significant year the most shining year in the history of our Party and our people. 'Let us meet the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea with high political zeal and shining labour achievements!'—this is the Party's call and militant slogan for this year."

The leader who called our people to the vigorous battle set them the honorable task of attaining the major goals of the Six-Year Plan this year and topping the production level envisaged in that plan in all domains of the national economy.

To hit this target, he taught, efforts should be continuously concentrated on the five fronts—the fronts of capital construction, industry, agriculture, transport and fishery. He said that the front to which we must direct our efforts first is that of transport.

If transport capacity, he taught, fails to meet the demands for transport which are fast growing as a result of the dynamic progress of the grand socialist construction, new construction projects cannot be pushed ahead forcefully nor can the Six-Year Plan be fulfilled ahead of schedule.

Then he pointed to the main objects of attack to be undertaken by every front.

On the front of capital construction the leader stated that main efforts should be concentrated on the third-stage project of the Pukchang Steam-Power Plant, the construction of the Chongchon-gang Steam-Power Plant, the Taedong-gang Power Station, the large rolling shop of the Kim Chaek Iron Works and the Sunchon Cement Factory and other plants.

An important task facing the front of industry, he said, is to build a great number of large vessels including 20,000-ton boats and introduce large, modern and high-speed equipment in coal and ore mines. He set the front of agriculture the task of producing 8 million tons of grain.

The leader also emphasized the need to keep pushing forward the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions, holding aloft the banner of three revolutions.

The militant steel makers who are working by converters and electric furnaces where molten iron is pouring out; the hero coal miners who are extracting the "black gold" in deep underground pits; the railway workers who are driving locomotive engines with intense loyalty; the builders who are throwing all their energies into the battle for the huge construction—all their hearts burn with a single desire to carry out well and thoroughly the assignments given by the leader in his New Year Address.

Railwaymen go to work, their faces beaming with determination to carry through the leader's teachings to the end unconditionally

This determination is not confined to those people alone, the determination to drive the grand advance forward and plant the triumphant flags on the heights of the Six-Year Plan by October 10, the 30th birthday of the Party, so demonstrating the honour of Juche Korea once again.

The machine-building workers and fishermen are no exception. They have launched the all-out charge with an ambitious, ardent desire to reach the eminence of the Six-Year Plan and then scale the ten heights, higher peaks of socialism, at an early date.

The agricultural working people who gathered in over 7 million tons of grain last year are also filled with loyal determination to attain the 8 million ton grain production goal this year.

The leader's New Year Address soon gripped the hearts of our workers, co-operative farmers and the rest of the working people and imbued them with greater militancy and revolutionary enthusiasm. It aroused the whole Party and the entire country to the huge revolutionary struggle, and powerfully called for fresh revolutionary upswing at all factories and enterprises throughout the country.

There is no wall that will stop the advance of our people enjoying the wise guidance of the leader.

Because we are under his care every trace of our revolution is always attended with a shining victory and our workers and farmers can enjoy worthwhile life.

Last year alone, our workers and co-op farmers won a proud victory and reached a higher peak of socialist construction under his guidance.

As a result of rapid progress in the huge socialist construction under his wise leadership, monumental structures came into being in great profusion in different parts last year and in agriculture over 7 million tons of grain were produced, which meant scaling the grain height of the Six-Year Plan.

While directing the whole revolution energetically, denying himself sleep and rest, he steered all our workers and farmers towards the struggle for a great victory, treasuring them and taking good care of them.

Deeply moved by the fatherly leader's warm affection, hero constructors of the Kim Chaek Iron Works displayed unexcelled heroism and built a blast furnace within the time set by him. Miners of Musan, displaying their self-sacrificing spirit, cleared the blocked milling hole. Farmers of Ryongchon brought their creative initiative into full play and gathered in a bumper crop in maize cultivation for which the leader so much concerned.

Ever since their first battle of the New Year, our workers and farmers have been conducting a "speed campaign" and more dynamically driving the Chollima advance forward on all fronts of the great socialist construction, in order to repay the leader's warm love and profound solicitude with loyalty.

In their first battle of the New Year, the railwaymen under the Pyongyang Railway Bureau wrought an unprecedented miracle: more than doubling freightage.

Innovation is also being wrought one after another on all other fronts—at the construction sites of big metallurgical centres, at the equipment assembling workshop of the Youth Chemical Complex, at the shipyards where large boats are under construction, etc.

On the agricultural front preparations for 8 million ton grain production are now being pushed forward vigorously.

In all fields of the national economy all-out charge is gaining momentum daily.

The vigorous advance of our working people will enable our country to rise more rapidly this year to such a height of socialism that we can see before us broad vistas leading to the ideal of mankind just beyond the new horizon.

Pak Ju Sol

First big blasting at a mine in the New Year

Juche Will Triumph!

Eustache Prudencio (Dahomey)

Brilliant Korea with a thousand fairy-lands,
Resplendent country enveloped with
The marvels of the beautiful nature:
The pearled water murmurs
Of the velvety rivers that flow on
Like the flowers that lay in bud,
Coming into full bloom.

How wonderful it is,
girt with these bays
Decked out with the amber perspectives
And your booming life that is
Calm and woven with peace,
Sweet as in a dream.

But it is in vain
Where misery torments
Those jeering at the greatest leader,
The inimitable Guide KIM IL SUNG,
The unequalled genius and tribune.

But ridiculous enough,
In the days as sweet as honey
That life is disturbed by
The Yankees with long teeth....
Juche comes down like waterspout
On the bandits trying to
Put the ruby into their mouth to bite
The wonderful donations of the nature,
The furrows careworn for the wellbeing of
The brave people of hero Korea....
The shabby, hungry slobberers
Run wild with rage.

But be attentive! The victory
Comes into glory with determination.
The gigantic metamorphosis commences:
The rabbles of rose advance,
The grains of rice explode on their bellies like bullet
The grains of millet hurl on the wretched blood-suckers
Like shrapnel in thousands.

The irrigated fields, burning with lava,
Cover the scums to defeat them in torrents of fire.
On the crest of Mt. Kumgang-san, the oxen
Stout as rocks transport the munitions.
The water rises from its dormition
To gobble up the imperialists once for all,
To bury the colonialists henceforth.
These demoniacs, crazy and filthy
Tottering everywhere in the world.

All the forces of nature side with Juche,
The bark and texture of success.
KIM IL SUNG, the genius,
the inspirer for the people but the enemy
against laggards.

He is as ever standard-bearer of deliverance
Heralds the new days of magnificence.
Ends the poverty of the third world,
Writes the song of the mothers in the world
Who are bringing up in cradle the generations
To fortify the foundations of a new society
That shines like a diamond called the idea of
Juche of the greatest Marshal KIM IL SUNG....
The country will regain its unification,
All the sons get together again,
Throwing off the yoke of domination.

And it will sew on the sails of a boat
Which will forge on along the path of a true life,
the life created by Juche, a rampart Korea reinstalled
in the helm.

Chollima will scatter the clouds
And hang up on the mast of ages
The triumphant ideal of Juche,
The great idea like invigorating feast.

The gun, sickle, hammer and brush
Will dance in a ring, the ballet of fairies.

To Bring Earlier the Day of National Reunification

Ho Jong Suk, Director of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland

The New Year always brings with it something that puts me in meditation. With its advent now, deeper emotions crowd on my mind than ever. I feel my heart aglow with an inmost desire for the country's reunification, the supreme desire of our nation.

In retrospect, our country was liberated from the yoke of Japanese imperialist colonial rule 30 years ago.

But the US imperialists occupied south Korea in place of Japanese imperialism and our territory was divided in two. The tragedy of national tribulations still remains unended, though three decades have passed since then.

Our people is a homogeneous nation who lived in peace in one land with the same language and culture through ages. However, they have suffered much from national division over a period of nearly one-third of a century. Their misery and distress are immeasurable, indeed. Because of territorial partition, the north and the south cannot enlist and utilize the wealth in the two parts and the wisdom of the whole nation in a coordinated way to promote the prosperity of the country. Worse still the national community of our people is gradually fading away. Because of territorial partition, parents, wives and children, relatives and friends cannot correspond with each other and even do not know whether they are alive or dead, living separated from each other in the same land. What a tragedy it is!

In particular, the south Korean people now under the colonial rule of US imperialism are languishing in a hell on earth. They are living in abject poverty, destitute of all rights. They are undergoing every description of national insult and humiliation. More often than not, many have to die full of resentment.

This deplorable reality is no longer tolerable to the fellow countrymen in the north and the south.

Really, national reunification is a vital demand of all the Korean people.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of our people, said:

"The reunification of the divided country is the supreme national desire of the entire Korean people and their urgent tasks the implementation of which brooks not a moment's delay."

As is generally known, in order to realize the long-cherished aspiration of the nation as soon as possible the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic advanced the policy for the country's independent, peaceful reunification and have all along made serious efforts to carry it out.

Last year, we put forward a proposal to conclude a peace agreement with the United States for the purpose of getting over the present difficulty and accelerating national reunification in accordance with the three principles and five-point proposition enunciated by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung for reunification. We proposed more than once that the North-South Coordination Commission be expanded and reorganized in compliance with the demands of the reality to put the deadlocked north-south dialogue on normal basis and that a Great National Congress or a north-south political consultative conference be convened at the earliest possible date. And we have exerted persevering efforts to carry the proposals into effect.

All these reasonable proposals of ours, however, have not been carried out because the US imperialist aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi clique turned them down.

The 63rd Enlarged Meeting of the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland held in November last year strongly demanded the withdrawal of the US imperialist aggression army, the main obstacle to national reunification, from south Korea and made it clear that if the Pak Jung Hi clique, who have persistently manoeuvred to perpetuate the division of the nation and followed the road of treachery to the country and the people, quit the "regime", as demanded by the south Korean people, and patriotic democrats come to power, the reunification question would be solved successfully through north-south political negotiations.

Tailing after the "two Koreas" policy of the US imperialists designed to place south Korea under their perpetual occupation and turn it into their permanent colony, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique overruled the North-South Joint Statement, rendered the dialogue still more hopeless and led the situation to the brink of war by intensifying the fascist suppression of the people and hastening war preparations more feverishly than ever before.

Thus, another difficulty has cropped up in achieving reunification and the peace in Korea and Asia has been gravely menaced.

The foremost prerequisite for the independent, peaceful settlement of the question of Korean reunification is termination of the occupation of south Korea by the US imperialist aggressor troops and stoppage of the US imperialists' aggression on Korea and their interference in the internal affairs of Korea. Withdrawal from south Korea of the US imperialist aggressor troops wearing the cap of "UN forces" is urgent not only for Korea's peaceful reunification and her lasting peace but also for the safeguard of Asian peace and world security.

If the Pak Jung Hi fascist ruffians who are engrossed in treachery to the country and the nation relying on outside forces resign "office", a new phase will be created decisively in favour of the peaceful reunification of Korea.

The Korean people will bend every effort to drive out the US imperialists from south Korea and reunify the country.

The struggle of our people for the country's reunification enlists the world's great support and sympathy as an important link of the anti-imperialist, national liberation struggle which is going on on a world-wide scale.

Hundreds of millions of progressive people and friends the world over have so far actively supported and encouraged our people in the struggle to realize the cause of the country's reunification.

This is a great inspiration to our people and we offer them our deep thanks for it.

Greeting the New Year, I am convinced that the people of socialist countries, the people of the third world and other progressive people and friends throughout the world will, as in the past, express their active support to and strong solidarity with our people in the just struggle for the country's independent, peaceful reunification.

Unity Is Source of Third World People's Invincible Strength

Ryom Tae Jun, Chairman of the Korean Committee for Asian-African Solidarity

The third world is a new-emerging force and a great revolutionary force of our times which is confronted with imperialism.

The people of the third world who were subjected to all sorts of humiliation and maltreatment by the imperialists in the past have now emerged in the arena of history as the master.

Owing to the vigorous struggle of the third world people, the imperialists can no longer oppress and plunder them at will and hold sway over their destinies, lording it over the world as in the former days.

At present the last say in the world arena belongs to the once oppressed and humiliated peoples, and the time has come when the people dominate the world.

The political events that took place in the international arena last year eloquently testify to this.

At the Sixth UN Special Conference on Raw Material and Development, the Third UN Conference on Sea Laws and other international conferences the third world people conducted an energetic common struggle against the imperialists' aggression and maraud and for the protection of their rich natural resources, territorial waters limit and marine resources.

The concerted action taken by the third world people at the 29th UN General Assembly rendered it possible to repulse the opposition of the US imperialists and their hirelings and contributed to adopting a resolution on recognizing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and qualifying the Palestine Liberation Organization as a UN observer and a resolution on depriving the South African racist clique of the right to participate in the work of the 29th UN General Assembly and to expelling Israel from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The international solidarity with the Korean people in the struggle to drive the US imperialist aggressor troops out of south Korea and achieve the country's reunification has been strengthened still more.

At the Latin American Conference Supporting the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea held in Lima, the Youth Congress of the Third World held in Algiers, the 29th Session of the UN General Assembly and many other international meetings, the third world people strongly demanded that the US imperialist aggressor troops take off the helmets of the "UN forces" and withdraw from south Korea at once. This struggle they put up is a vivid expression of their solidarity with the Korean people's revolutionary cause and a plain demonstration of the ever-strengthening unity and cooperation of the third world people.

The imperialists with the US imperialists as their ringleader are making desperate efforts to check the revolutionary advance of the third world people and save themselves from doom. Combining the old method of colonial rule with the crafty neo-colonialist method, they are employing all available means such as direct armed intervention, war by proxy through their stooges, wrecking and subversive activities, economic and cultural infiltration, etc.

This situation calls for a firm unity on the part of the third world people.

Unity is a source of invincible strength and the most powerful weapon with which to counter the destroy-one-by-one strategy of the imperialists.

The people of the third world must firmly unite politically and closely cooperate economically and technically.

Then they can consolidate their political independence gained at the cost of their blood, beat off the imperialists' economic invasion successfully and build a new world, wealthy and prosperous, in a short period of time.

The Korean people will, as ever, firmly unite with the third world people, take vigorous joint action in all spheres and actively support and inspire their revolutionary struggle.

Ever-victorious is the just revolutionary cause of the third world people who are united close under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

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